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- 1. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPHS 2-3: A VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WHOSE POSITION GIVES HIM ACCESS TO OFFICIAL REPORTS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS. HIS RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. THIS INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED WITH ANY FOREIGN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.
- WHILE OFFICIALS OF THE DIRECTORATE FOR THE SERVICES OF INTELLIGENCE AND PREVENTION (DISIP) HAVE RECEIVED OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CARRY OUT A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF ALL VENEZUELANS CONNECTED WITH THE 6 OCTOBER 1976 BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINER, UNOFFICIALLY DISIP OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO CONCENTRATE THEIR INVESTIGATION ON MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY (COPEI). DISIP OFFICIALS, THEREFORE, HAVE DRAWN UP A LIST OF LOW TO MEDIUM-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF COPEL /e-WHOM DISTP INTENDS TO THE TOTLUIS P O S A D A, A FORMER DISP OFFICER WHO IS CURRENTLY UNDER DETENTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING. AS CURRENTLY PLANNED, DISIP WILL BEGIN PICKING UP THESE COPEI LEADERS FOR QUESTIONING DURING THE WEEK OF (SOURCE COMMENT: 18 OCTOBER. ALTHOUGH POSADA DOES HAVE COPET CONNECTIONS, MOST DISIP OFFICERS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT COPET PLAYED A ROLE IN POSADA'S ANTI-CUBAN ACTIVITIES. RATHER THEY

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BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPLICATE COPEL FOR POLITICAL REASONS.)

- AGAINST COPEI, DISIP OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED THAT INFORMATION CONNECTING DISIP OFFICIALS AND CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO BELIEVE WOULD BE HIGHLY EMBARRASSSING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRESARE ERE Z AND DISASTEROUS FOR DISIP.

 WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN HURT BY CHARGES OF MISTREATING PRISONERS ACCUSED OF BEING INVOLVED IN THE KIDNAPPING OF WILLIAM F. NIEHOUS.
 - 4. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPHS 5-8: A VENEZUELAN WITH CLOSE

 CONTACTS AMONG VENEZUELAN SECURITY OFFICIALS. HIS RELIABILITY

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- 5, ON 14 OCTOBER DISIP DIRECTOR RETIRED GENERAL RAUL

 GIMENEZ GAINZA SAID THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ HAD ORDERED HIM

 TO CARRY OUT AN EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF THE VENEZUELAN

 CONNECTION IN THE CUBANA INCIDENT. ALTHOUGH GIMENEZ SAID THAT

 HE INTENDED TO CARRY OUT THE PRESIDENT'S ORDERS, HE PERSONALLY

 FEARED THAT SUCH AN INVESTIGATION MIGHT LEAD TO PRESIDENTIAL

 APPOINTEES OR TO COPEI LEADERS. IN EITHER CASE, GIMENEZ SAID

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THAT HE FELT THERE COULD BE DIFFUCLTIES FOR THE PEREZ ADMINISTRATION.

- 6. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, GIMENEZ SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY CONCERNED THAT ORLANDO G A R C I A PRESIDENT PEREZ! INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY ADVISER WHO HAS BEEN ACTING AS DE FACTO HEAD OF DISIP, MIGHT BE IMPLICATED. GIMENEZ QUICKLY ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE LINKING GARCIA TO THE BOMBING INCIDENT, BUT THAT HE IS KNOWN TO BE INVOLVED IN UNSPECIFIED ANTI-CUBAN GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES. GIMENEZ SAID THAT AS AN ADDED PRECAUTION HE HAS ASSIGNED SPECIAL GUARDS FOR BOSCH AND POSADA, BOTH OF WHOM ARE CURRENTLY UNDER DISIP DETENTION.
- 7. (FIELD COMMENT: FOR AN EARLIER REPORT ON BOSCH'S RECENT ACTIVITIES IN VENEZUELA AND POSADA'S AND GARCIAS'S CONNECTION WITH HIM SEE HVCF7514. TDFIRDB=315/10256-76. FROM A USUALLY RELIABLE REPORTER. IN NEWS BROADCASTS A LOCAL TELEVISION STATION (CHANNEL 2) HAS REPORTED THAT SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY HOLDING POSITIONS WITH DISIP WERE SEEN ABOUT CARACAS WITH BOSCH. THE STATION INDICATED THAT IT WOULD REVEAL THE IDENTITIES OF THESE OFFICERS AT A LATER DATE.)

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